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- 2. BEGIN TEXT OF Q'S AND A'S AS PREPARED BY DEPARTMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUOTE Q. WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF THE UNITED STATES TOWARD ASSERTIONS BY COLONEL QADHAFI THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN PORTUGUESE ISLANDS IN THE ATLANTIC SHOULD RECEIVE OUTSIDE SUPPORT TO GAIN INDEPENDENCE FROM PORTUGAL?

A. THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS BOTH THE AZOREAN AND

MADEIRAN ARCHIPELAGOES TO BE INTEGRAL PARTS OF PORTUGAL. SELF-DETERMINATION IS NOT AN ISSUE AND ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THE STATUS OF THE ARCHIPELAGOES ARE INTERNAL PORTUGUESE MATTERS. THIS DOES NOT REPRESENT ANY CHANGE IN THE UNITED STATES POSITION. UNQUOTE.

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